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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the April 11, 2001 Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4 and 8:

1. (Twice amended) Joint arrangement for a surface structure, which surface structure is meant [for covering of ground] together with one or several other surface structures for temporary protecting and [coating] covering [of the] ground, [whereby in connection with] each surface structure [there has been arranged] having at least a joint arrangement for removable attachment of one or several adjacent surface structures and having thermal insulation (1) [,] that comprises at least one, essentially plastic based thermal insulation layer (1'), [whereby] and in which the joint arrangement comprises a joint piece (x), that is to be coupled by means of a locking